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**Comments:**

Dear Examiner Perez,

Further to our telephone conference, enclosed is a copy of the Amendment After Final Rejection filed on April 11, 2003, along with a PTO date-stamped receipt as evidence. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments. Thank you.

John W. Fitzpatrick

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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2834**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Takafumi TSUGE

Group Art Unit: 2834

Application No.: 10/085,408

Examiner: G. Perez

Filed: March 1, 2002

Docket No.: 112121

For: AC GENERATOR HAVING AIR PORT IN SLIP RING COVER

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the January 17, 2003 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claims 1-3 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An AC generator for a vehicle, comprising:  
a rotor having a rotary shaft, a field winding, and a slip ring provided on one end of the rotary shaft and electrically connected to the field winding; and  
a brush unit having a brush held in sliding contact with the slip ring, a spring for pressing the brush, a brush holder having a portion for receiving the brush, and a slip ring cover for covering the outer periphery of the slip ring, wherein the slip ring cover has a suction/discharge port and a wall in the suction/discharge port, the wall is shaped to define